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Claims 1-9
Citations 1 and 2

Remarks:

There is no exceptional difference between the invention relating to Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 and the invention recorded in Citation 1 (particular reference is made to the section extending from line 10 of the lower right column of page 2 to line 9 of the upper left column of p.3).

Relative to the invention recorded in Citation 1, accomplishing the invention relating to Claims 4 and 7 by applying the protective film of the invention recorded in Citation 2 could be easily conceived by one skilled in the Art.

A variable light reduction device which uses a Matsender (phonetic) directional characteristics combining device is technology known to one skilled in the Art, and making the invention relating to Claim 8 by applying the light source referred to in Citation 1 relative to known technology claims could be easily conceived by one skilled in the Art.

Forming a thin film of the desired shape at the time of forming a thin film in which, following the formation of a film on the entire surface, a photo-resist is patterned and made into a mask, and the thin film of parts not covered by the resist are etched, is known to one skilled in the Art, and accomplishing the invention relating to Claim 9 by adopting a known manufacturing method as the thin film manufacturing method referred to in Citation 1 could be easily conceived by one skilled in the Art.



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A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the Japanese Patent Office in the corresponding Japanese Application Serial No. 2001-081184, filed March 21, 2001. A copy of the Japanese Official Action in which they were cited is attached hereto, with what is believed to be the pertinent portion enclosed in a wavy line. An English translation of the enclosed portion is also attached hereto.

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